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Sir:

I, Anthony J. Baerlocher, being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. I am employed by IGT as a Director of Game Design.
2. I am one of the named inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application. I am generally familiar with the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application, and I am generally familiar with the inventions disclosed and claimed therein.
3. I have read the current claims of the present invention. I believe that the claimed invention was conceived and reduced to practice at least as early as July 13, 2001.

4. Two screen shots illustrating the commercial embodiment of the "Addams Family – Cousin It" game which embody the claimed invention are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. A list of IGT's backup computer files for the "Addams Family – Cousin It" game is attached as Exhibit B.

6. The screen shots and computer file listing attached as Exhibits A and B are true and accurate documents associated with the development of one commercial embodiment of the claimed invention.

7. The first screen shot on page 1 of Exhibit A shows one free spin of a set of reels. A multiplier of "5X" is associated with this free spin of the reels.

8. The second screen shot on page 2 of Exhibit A shows a next free spin of the reels. A multiplier of "8X" is associated with this free spin of the reels.

9. The list of IGT's backup computer files attached as Exhibit B illustrates that these screen shots were created at least as early as July 13, 2001.

10. Therefore, I believe that the claimed invention was conceived and reduced to practice at least as early as July 13, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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